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SUBJECT: CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTER VISITS SPAIN

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1. SUMMARY: CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTER QIAN QICHEN'S OFFICIAL  
VISIT ON FEBRUARY 25-26 TO MADRID FOCUSED ON ECONOMIC MATTERS.  
IT ENDED WITH THE SIGNING OF A MINOR CONSULAR TREATY AND THE  
ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE PRINCE OF ASTURIAS WILL VISIT CHINA  
BEFORE THE END OF 1991. POLITICAL RELATIONS WERE PRONOUNCED  
"EXCELLENT" AND THE GOC THANNED THE GOS FOR ITS ROLE FOLLOWING

THE LIFTING OF EC TRADE SANCTIONS. END SUMMARY.

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IMPROVING GOC/GOS ECONOMIC RELATIONS  
-----2. FOREIGN MINISTER ORDONEZ STATED AT THE AIRPORT ARRIVAL  
CEREMONY ON THE 26TH THAT THE VISIT'S FOCUS WAS BILATERAL  
COMMERCIAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS. THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR  
COMMERCE, APOLONIO RUIZ LIGERO, LATER ANNOUNCED AGREEMENT TO  
ESTABLISH TWO BILATERAL MIXED COMMISSIONS TOWARDS THE END OF  
1991: THE FIRST, CONCERNING IMPROVEMENT OF ECONOMIC RELATIONS,  
WILL MEET IN MADRID; THE SECOND, TO COORDINATE BILATERAL  
SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION, WILL MEET IN BEIJING.  
MFA SOURCES STRESSED THAT THE GOS IS PROMOTING SEVERAL  
MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS. THE MOST IMPORTANT  
ARE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A \$442 MILLION PETROCHEMICAL COMPLEX IN  
XINJIANG, A THERMAL PLANT CONSTRUCTION PROJECT, AND A  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM PROJECT. THE PROJECTS AND COMMERCIAL  
ACCORDS WOULD BE BASED ON A \$450 MILLION LINE OF CREDIT SPAIN  
GRANTED CHINA IN JANUARY (REFTEL).3. OTHER TOPICS DISCUSSED INCLUDED THE FINALIZATION OF A  
FINANCIAL PROTOCOL AND MOVING TO AN EQUILIBRIUM IN THE  
BILATERAL BALANCE OF TRADE. (SPAIN IMPORTED ABOUT \$794 MILLION  
OF CHINESE GOODS IN 1990, WHILE EXPORTING ONLY \$323 MILLION TO  
CHINA.) THE PRESS REPORTED THAT ANOTHER MAJOR PURPOSE FOR THE  
CHINESE MINISTER'S TRIP WAS TO ARRANGE THE FINAL DETAILS  
CONCERNING A VISIT OF EC BUSINESSMEN TO CHINA. QIAN QICHEN  
ALSO SOUGHT TO INCREASE BILATERAL CULTURAL, COMMERCIAL, AND  
EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGES.-----  
BILATERAL RELATIONS "EXCELLENT"  
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4. DURING AN ADDRESS ON FEBRUARY 27, QIAN QICHEN SAID, "THE  
GOVERNMENT OF SPAIN HAS TAKEN A SENSITIVE AND PRAGMATIC  
ATTITUDE IN ITS RELATIONS WITH CHINA, AND FOR THIS WE EXPRESS  
OUR GRATITUDE." BILATERAL CONTACTS INTENSIFIED FOLLOWING THE  
NOVEMBER VISIT TO PEKING BY FOREIGN MINISTER ORDONEZ, THE FIRST  
VISIT BY AN EC MINISTER FOLLOWING THE EC'S OCTOBER LIFTING OF  
TRADE SANCTIONS AGAINST CHINA. QIAN QICHEN ALSO DESCRIBED THE  
UNDERLYING PRINCIPLES THAT SHOULD DEFINE THE "COMPLETELY NEW"  
NEW INTERNATIONAL ORDER: 1) EVERY NATION'S "BORN RIGHT TO TAKE  
PART IN THE SOLUTION OF WORLD PROBLEMS THROUGH CONSULTATION;"  
2) THEIR "RIGHT TO ADOPT THEIR OWN SOCIAL, IDEOLOGICAL,  
ECONOMIC MODEL AND ROAD TO DEVELOPMENT;" 3) MUTUAL RESPECT OF  
EVERY NATION'S "SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY;" 4) THE  
IMPERATIVE MODIFICATION "OF THE UNJUST AND UNEQUAL  
INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER BASED ON THE PRINCIPLE OF EQUALITY  
AND RECIPROCAL BENEFIT;" AND 5) NON-INTERVENTION IN A NATION'S  
DOMESTIC CONCERNS.5. ON THE GOS SIDE, ORDONEZ DESCRIBED THE DISCUSSIONS WITH QIAN  
QICHEN AS "FRIENDLY AND EFFECTIVE" AND CHARACTERIZED THE  
ON-GOING GOS/GOC DIALOGUE AS "FREQUENT, DIRECT, FRIENDLY,  
EFFECTIVE, AND UNINTERRUPTED."-----  
CHINESE HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES: AN ISSUE NOT QUITE EVADED  
-----6. GOS SPOKESPERSONS REPORTEDLY SAID THAT THE ISSUE OF HUMAN  
RIGHTS IN CHINA WAS NOT DISCUSSED DURING OFFICIAL MEETINGS,  
INCLUDING THOSE WITH KING JUAN CARLOS, PRESIDENT FELIPE  
GONZALEZ, OR ORDONEZ. THE ISSUE DID SURFACE, HOWEVER, AT THE  
VERY END OF QIAN QICHEN'S APPEARANCE THE EVENING OF FEBRUARY 26  
BEFORE THE INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL QUESTIONS AND FOREIGN  
POLICY, A PRIVATE ORGANIZATION. QICHEN'S RESPONSE TO A  
QUESTION FROM THE AUDIENCE ON THE SUBJECT OF THE HARSHNESS OF  
SENTENCES IMPOSED WAS TERSE AND WIDELY REPORTED THE NEXT DAY:  
"THERE ARE NO POLITICAL PRISONERS IN CHINA. . . ALL THE  
WORLD HAS THE RIGHT TO EXPRESS THEIR OPINIONS AND THIS DOES NOT  
CONSTITUTE A VIOLATION OF LAW. HOWEVER, IF ONE VIOLATES THE  
CHINESE PENAL CODE, HE INCURS CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY." QICHEN  
STATED THAT MANY OF THOSE WHO LEFT CHINA FOLLOWING "THEINCIDENT IN 1989" HAVE ALREADY RETURNED TO CHINA. HE FINISHED  
BY SAYING "THE INCIDENT OF '89 IS A CLOSED CASE."-----  
CHINESE PERSPECTIVES ON THE GULF  
-----7. DURING A FINAL PRESS CONFERENCE, QIAN QICHEN STATED THE  
EVENING OF FEBRUARY 27 THAT THERE WERE TWO OBJECTIVES  
CONCERNING THE RESOLUTION OF THE GULF CRISIS: FIRST, TO  
ESTABLISH REGIONAL SECURITY, WHICH WOULD REQUIRE THE  
PARTICIPATION OF "THE COUNTRIES OF THE REGION," AND THAT  
"FOREIGN TROOPS . . . WITHDRAW FROM THE ARAB PENINSULA." THESECOND OBJECTIVE IS "TO SOLVE THE PALESTINE PROBLEM THROUGH AN  
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE UN AND IN  
WHICH ARE REPRESENTED THE FIVE PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE  
SECURITY COUNCIL."COMMENT  
-----8. PART OF AN EIGHT-NATION TOUR, THE CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTER'S  
VISIT WAS OVERSHADOWED BY THE CEASEFIRE AND OTHER EVENTS IN THE  
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